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Dear [illegible] user:

Thank you for your interest in our products. The only item we have for immediate sales is our memory board, although other products are in various [illegible] test stages.

The memory board is a [illegible] implementation with simple direct decoding to cover the normal Z-80 address range in 32 2K segments. Each of these segments may be switched in or out separately, and may be occupied by one of the standard 5 volt only 2Kx8 devices at your option. These devices include:

1) RAM

RAMs are memory devices which can be read from or written to at any time. The "CMOS" type RAMs will retain their contents during a power failure if a battery is provided to maintain their power. Several manufacturers have offered these chips, and some surplus houses have very low prices on them.

2) ROM

ROMs are factory programmed chips similar to the game cartridges. They retain their contents at all times and are not alterable by the user.

3) EPROM

EPROMs are similar to ROMs but can be erased by ultraviolet light and reprogrammed with a special machine. (See Coming Attractions.)

4) EEPROM

These are electrically erasable devices that may be reprogrammed without special equipment. Although a long write cycle is required for programming, they read at normal speeds and can be used in machine language program development. They do not require batteries to remember. CAUTION: Some EEPROMs need a separate programming voltage and are not suitable for this board.

Any of these devices may be used in any socket at any time.

This board includes a standard 50 PIN edge connector for further expansion.

Coming Attractions

1) EPROM Programmer

This is a board for programming 2K, 4K, and 8K EPROMs. EPROM type is software selected, including a [illegible] switch. The programmer may reside on any 8K boundary and may be partially programmed. A short BASIC program is included for operation. EPROM may be operated normally from the programmer.

2) I/O Controller

Includes 2 RS-232 ports, parallel I/O port for printer/keyboard, cassette ports including motor switch, sense, 2 more parallel ports and a 50 pin edge connector. A 2K EPROM will be included for those who have our memory board and [illegible] BASIC 1.1. A [illegible] BASIC compatible EPROM will also be available.

2. Function expansion EPROM ([illegible] BASIC 1.1 [illegible])

Add a real time 7 day clock/alarm and string variables to BASIC 1.1 [illegible] Includes 1K RAM for scratchpad and a [illegible] for EPROM programmer that will [illegible] all or part of any EPROM.

Memory board $210.95* includes 4K RAM for immediate use. Requires 5 Volt regulated power supply (not included).

Expansion EPROM $19.95* includes 2K RAM.

Other prices to be announced as products are released.

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THIS LETTER WAS SENT OUT AS OUR FIRST MAILING TO THOSE WHO RESPONDED TO OUR AD. THE EXPANSION EPROM ISN'T QUITE FINISHED, BUT THE THEORY IS SOUND. THE STRING COMMANDS INCLUDE PRINT, INPUT, ASSIGN, COMPARE; THE CLOCK/ALARM COMMANDS ARE SET AND DISPLAY; USER EXPANSION TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS IS INCLUDED (WE WILL ALWAYS LEAVE PLACES TO HOOK THINGS IN - WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE "LOCKED IN" TO ONE SYSTEM.)

WHAT WE ALL REALLY NEED IS DISC. WE HAVE A CONCEPT THE WE KNOW WE CAN MAKE WORK, BUT I'M NOT HAPPY WITH THE COST. CP/M WOULD BE NICE, BUT I HEARD THAT IT REQUIRES RAM AT 0K AND THAT PRESENTS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. DO WE REALLY NEED 8" DOUBLE-SIDED DOUBLE-DENSITY? ARE 5¼" DISCS GOOD ENOUGH? SINCE THIS MACHINE SEEMS TO BE BEST FOR GAMES, WOULD THE NEW 3" DISCS (IN PLASTIC SLEEVES - POCKET SIZE) BE ENOUGH? IF WE GO 8" DSDD THE OTHERS WILL WORK AS WELL. THE QUESTION IS: HOW MUCH DOES THE AVERAGE PERSON WANT TO SPEND? ALSO, WILL HI-RES (PIGGYBACK) FINALLY ALLOW US TO GET A DECENT TEXT EDITOR?

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN SOFTWARE FOR THE MX-70? THE ATTACHED LISTING WAS MADE USING THIS SOFTWARE; THE PROGRAM IS THE TEXT EDITOR USED TO MAKE THIS LETTER.

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1000 Clear :Show
1010 Print "1> ENTER TEXT
1020 Print "2> FORMAT TEXT
1030 Print "3> DISPLAY TEXT
1035 Print "4> PRINT TEXT
1037 Print "5> EDIT TEXT
1038 Print "6> TRANSFER EDIT TO ORIG.
1040 Print "          ORIGIN)"
1050 K=KP-48;If K>0If K<7Goto (K)*1000
1060 STOP
2000 Clear ;Print "ENTER";Input "(0) NEW (1) CONT"C
2005 B=-12287;If CFor B=BTo -10;I=%(B)↑127Next B
2010 For B=BTo -10
2020 Box CX,CY,3,5,6
2030 K=KP↑127;CC=6+(K>90);TV=K-32*(K>90)
2035 If K=0%(B)=0;Run
2040 %(B)=K;B=B-2*(K=8)+(K=31);If B>-12288Next B
2050 Goto 2000
3000 Clear ;Print "FORMAT";Input "# OF COLUMNS?"C
3001 Input "PARAGRAPH INDENT SPACES"I
3005 Input "(0) ORIGINAL, (1) EDITED"E
3010 N=0;D=-12287;P=20480;M=1;If E D=28672
3020 For A=0To 0Step 0
3030 L=1;If MFor L=LTo I;%(P)=32;P=P+1;Next L;M=0
3040 For L=LTo C;W=%(D)↑127;D=D+1
3050 %(P)=W;P=P+1;If P>24576Print "FULL";STOP
3060 If WIf W#13Next L;Goto 3090
3070 If W=0Print N;" LINES";Goto 4030
3080 N=N+2;%(P)=13;P=P+1;M=1;Next A
3090 For L=L-1To 0Step -1;P=P-1;If (%(P)↑127)#32D=D-1;Next L
3100 N=N+1;%(P)=13;P=P+1;Next A
4000 Clear ;Print "DISPLAY"
4010 For A=20480To 24576;W=%(A)↑127
4020 If W CC=6+(W>90);TV=W-32*(W>90);Next A
4030 Box CX,CY,3,5,1;K=KP;Run
5000 Clear ;Print "PRINT";OP10;OP10;M=1;L=0
5010 For A=20480To P
5020 W=%(A)↑255
5025 If W=13W=10;L=L+1;If L>59Goto 5050
5030 If W OPW;Next A
5040 OP12;Run
5050 M=M+1;OP12;OP10
5060 For L=0To 37;OP32;Next L
5070 OP"<";OPM+48;OP">";OP10
5080 OP10;OP10;L=2;Next A
6000 Clear ;Print "EDIT"
6010 D=-12287;P=28672
6020 For A=0To 0Step 0
6025 If %(-25216)=0K=10;Goto 6060
6030 Box CX,CY,3,5,5;K=KP↑127
6040 If K=8↑P>-31;P=P-1;Next A
6050 If K=31↑P>31;P=P-1;D=D-1;Next A
6060 If K=10K=%(D)↑255;D=D+1
6070 %(P)=K;P=P+1;CC=6+(K>90);TV=K-32*(K>90)
6080 If %(P-1)↑127Next A
6090 Run
7000 Clear ;Print "TRANSFER"
7010 For A=0To 4095Step 2;%(A-12287)=%(A+28672);Next A;Run
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BLUE RAM BASIC 1.1
ALL AVAILABLE SPACE FILLED WITH RAM.
PROGRAM AREA -32768 to -12288
PROGRAM SIZE 1368 BYTES

↑ AND
↓ OR

"OP" SENDS A BYTE TO THE PRINTER. IT IS A USER-SPECIFIED HOOK AND WILL CRASH IF THE SOFTWARE ISN'T THERE.

CHANGE TO TV AND USE :PRINT (300) WITH [redacted] SERIAL PRINTER